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'Ahihi-Kina'u NARS, Keone'o'io  
Preliminary Input on Forming an Advisory Committee for the Area  
Kenolio Recreation Center, Cafeteria Building D  
131 South Kihei Road

Attendance: **Bill Evanson** (Maui NARS Specialist), **Jason Koga** (Maui Land Agent), **Helen Felsing** (Rivers and Trails Program), Hannah Bernard (**Hawaii Wildlife Fund**), **Dino Ventura** (Resident/Caretaker at Keone'o'io), **Pat Borge** (Makena Stables), Carrol Hall (Maui Kayaks), **Roger Siminot** (Kayak Association of Maui), **Kalei Lu'uwai** (Makena Resident and Cultural Practitioner), **Diana Azevedo** (Ulupalakua Ranch), **Cheryl King** (Friends of Keone'o'io & Hawai'i Wildlife Fund), **Lani Correa** (Director, Maui Hotel Association), **Dan Davidson** (Deputy Director, DLNR), **Betsy Gagne** (NARS Commission), **Mary Evanson** (Concerned Citizen), **Bob Davidson** (Makena Resident), **Walt Koertge** (Makena Resident), **Mary Constant** ('Ahihi Bay Resident), **Fred Constant** ('Ahihi Bay Resident), **Robert Lu'uwai** (Makena Resident, Cultural Practitioner)  
Facilitator: Dee Dee Letts

Dan Davidson Deputy at DLNR welcomed everyone and explained that the intent of today's meeting was to provide advice to DLNR on the formation of an Advisory Committee for the area. He made clear that this was not the Advisory Committee and that the information being sought today was around stakeholders and skill sets that needed to be considered as DLNR set up the Advisory Committee.

The group began by introducing themselves and sharing why this area was important to them and why they were willing to put in the time to have this discussion. Comments were as follows:

- This area is important and I want to work with people to make a difference in the area
- To perpetuate the culture and help keep the area special
- Concerned about what is happening and want to do the right thing for the area
- Protect the area for future generations – VERY SPECIAL AREA
- The area is at a cross roads and want to be part of helping to maintain it as a special area
- Some of the area is unencumbered state lands and want to work on developing a plan for how you manage competing interest on such lands
- Ditto
- Concerned about commercial activity and feel they should close the area
- Concerned about the non-regulation of the area by government
- Want to listen to the issues and concerns and find a balance
- Listen and learn
- This is a sample of larger issues with Hawaii's people and government and if we can resolve them here then we should be able to resolve them in other areas
- Need to protect the resources in the area
- Need to address the community concerns on over population of the area and harassment of the dolphins – this is a VERY IMPORTANT AREA
- Want to help protect the area
- Want to see controls in the area – a DLNR permit system
- This is a special spot where natural and cultural history come together and it needs to be protected
- Concerned about management in this fragile area and enforcement of the rules

The group next discussed all of the stakeholder interests that might be represented on an Advisory Committee for DLNR. Once the list was developed the group put the various interests into categories. They then discussed which categories needed to be at the table, which might be more appropriate to provide technical assistance or act as a resource to the Committee and which should be included in a two way communication loop. What are presented below are the results of these conversations.

**Commercial Interests:**

There were differing opinions of whether this interest needed to be at the table or not. Some members felt that as a stakeholder they needed to have representation on the Advisory Committee – others felt that they had a conflict of interest in discussing planning for the area and should just be kept in the communication loop.

- Dolphin Swimmers
- Weddings
- Boaters and Kayakers
- Divers
- Hikers
- Film
- Activities Owners Association
- Commercial fishing
- Aloha Kai

**Tourism:**

There was agreement that this interest needed to be at the table

- County Economic Development Office
- Publications and promoters
- MVB
- HTA
- Sight Seers
- Hotel Association

**Science and Research:**

There was agreement that this interest needed to be at the table

- Geologists
- Natural History
- Botany
  - MGB
  - Maui Nui
- Marine Biologists
- Archeologists

**Recreational Users:**

After some discussion it was decided that these groups needed to be included in a two way communication loop so that they knew what was happening and had an opportunity to offer input as appropriate.

- Running Clubs
- Partiers/ravers
- Fishers
- Dolphin Swimmers
- Boaters
- Alternate Healing
- Clothing Optional
- Divers
- Off Roaders (4 and 2 wheels)
- Campers
- Horse back riders
- Surfers (Wave and Wind)
- Mountain Bikers
- Hikers
- Kayakers

**Public Safety:**

The group felt that they should be represented at the table. Then there was discussion that maybe to expect them to attend every meeting was unrealistic. It was decided that they would be invited to the first meeting and then allowed to decide how they wanted to continue to participate with the Committee.

- Enforcement
  - Federal/NOAA
  - County/Community Patrol
  - State
  - Resident
- Fire
- Rescue
- Coast Guards
- Life Guards

**Impactees:**

It was decided that this group needed to be at the table.

- Neighbors – area and adjacent
- Landowners – area and adjacent

**Community Groups:**

It was decided that this interest needed to be at the table.

- Makena Homeowners/Community Association (there was some confusion as to whether this was one or two groups – members at the table said they would clarify this for DLNR)
- Community Work Day

**Hawaiian Culture:**

It was decided that this interest needed to be at the table.

- Families with history in the Ahupua`a
- Hui Ala Nui O` Makena
- Kupuna
- OHA
- Alu Like
- Burial Council
- Native Hawaiians

**County:**

It was decided that this interest should be at the table and that the Mayor should be asked to provide a representative. It was also suggested that they be invited and that how they ultimately decided to participate would be left to them. It was also noted that it might be appropriate to have one Mayoral representative but that the other departments could act as resources to the Committee.

- Public Works
- Parks and Recreation
- Housing and Human Concerns
- Police and Fire (also listed under Public Safety)
- Transportation
- Department of the Environment

**State:**

This interest should be a resource/technical advisor to the Advisory Committee

- DLNR – Chairs Office
  - Parks
  - Boating
  - Historic Preservation
  - DoCARE
  - DoFAW/NARS/Commission
  - Na Ala Hele
  - Aquatic Resources
  - Land Division

**Education/outreach:**

It was decided that this interest should be part of the two way communication loop.

- DOE
- UH
- MCC
- Private Schools
- Hawaii Canoe Club – Kamali`i Program
- Hula Halau

**Federal:**

It was decided that they would be technical assistance and part of the two way communication loop.

- Federal Parks Service

### **Conservation/Environmental**

It was decided that this group should be at the table.

- Sierra Club
- Maui Tomorrow
- Friends
- Surfrider
- "Working Group"

The group then went over their list to see if there were any missing skill sets that the Advisory Committee might need that had not been identified. The following were identified.

- Facilitator
- Recorder
- Legal
- Parks/Recreational Resources Planner
- Mapping/GIS etc.
- Health/Medical
- Fundraisers

The group next discussed what would be an optimum size for an Advisory Committee. There was agreement that between 12 and 18 would be appropriate. Other next steps discussed included:

- DLNR will be soliciting members for the Advisory Committee to represent the identified stakeholder groups – no one at the table stated that they did not want to be considered for the Advisory Committee.
- DLNR hopes to convene the Committee in April or May for its first meeting
- It was clarified that some current actions in the area – porta potties etc. would go forward and some might go on hold for discussion by the Advisory Committee and that these decisions would be made on a case by case basis by DLNR
- DLNR anticipates that the Advisory Committee might meet every couple of months in the beginning and then less often

Meeting adjourned at 4:05